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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched  
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A, E	US 6,627,400 B1 (SINGH et al) 30 September 2003 (30.09.2003), whole document.	1-37
A, P	US 6,514,700 B1 (SINGH) 04 February 2003 (04.02.2003), whole document.	1-37
A, E	US 2003/0170915 A1 (SINGH et al) 11 September 2003 (11.09.2003), whole document.	1-37
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